Charged levelled against ITDC Officers

3574. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the news-items that appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 3rd July, 1987 and the 'Telegraph' dated the 12th July, 1987 about the fraud charges against three top officers of ITDC filed by the CBI and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that these officials have not so far been placed under suspension|shifted from their routing official position and thus have been left free to manipulate the records under their custody;

(b) if so, how far the patronage by the senior Government officials to them to serve the main slogan of Government for weeding out corruption from all walks of public life and from Government Departments in particular; and

(c) by which date the ITDC officials mentioned above are likely to be placed under suspension pending the CBI inquiries and what further action is contemplated against them in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The officers concerned have not been placed under suspension or shifted from their official position. However, the relevant records required for investigation of the case have been duly handed over by the ITDC Management to CBI and hence the question of any manipulation does not arise. The case is already under investigation and action can be taken as soon as a definite conclusion has been reached.

Raising the Limit of house building advance in respect of the employees of ITDC

3575. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC has framed and implemented its house building loans and advances Rules just on the lines of Central Government Schemes|guidelines in this regard sometime back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have of late revised the scales of pay of its employees and also revised the house building loans and advances rules;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the employees of the ITDC through its unions have also demanded for the enhancement and liberalisation of the ITDC rules regarding house building loans and advances; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the management thereto and by when their demand is going to be met by the ITDC management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The 'ITDC Employees Housing Loans (Grant & Recovery)| Rules 1976' effective from 1 April, 1976 are based on the lines of Central Govt. Rules.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Since the revision of pay scales of Central Government Employees is *ipso facto* out applicable to ITDC employees. Liberalisation given in the House Building Advance Scheme of the Central Government cannot be given effect to at this stage in ITDC.